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City of Nevada City

January 25, 2010

To: Gene Albaugh, City Manager of Nevada City
City Council Members

From: Eileen Jorgensen, Steering Member, Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood
Association

Re: Bureau of Land Management Property on Cement Hill

I have noticed from newspaper articles, that The City is considering a solar farm for the Old Airport Property. I am hoping that The City accepts this brief personal history of the BLM property that straddles Cement Hill so that any conversation or long range planning that is underway with The Old Airport property could include the BLM property as well.

In the winter of 2000, BLM put this property (approx 33 acres) on Cement Hill up for sale and many Steering Members of The Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association and neighbors banded together to ensure that The County have an opportunity to accept this property into a Park and Recreation District. This effort failed when the Neisanan vote for a park district failed. Subsequently, this section of Nevada County is still without a Park and Rec District.

The overwhelming outcry by County Supervisors and citizenry, though, stopped the sale and in 2001, 7 acres were sold to the highest bidder and a small easement was carved out for Nevada City. This easement connects the 117 acres of Old Airport property to Cement Hill Road. To date, these BLM lands are known by only a few and are not really utilized.

In March of 2007, GCHNA's then- president, Marty Pazzaglia, did a formal study of the history of the Old Airport property, its annexation to the City of Nevada City as a non-contiguous piece of property within the LAFCO laws, and the possibility of developing parts of the Old Airport in areas of Forestry and Agriculture. He concluded that by passive use of the Old Airport, funding for acquisition and maintenance of the BLM property could be attained. Marty's proposal was apparently rejected because any City resources, he was told, would be spent on acquiring Sugarloaf Mt.

Time has passed and Nevada City's recent partnering with strong, established non-profits like The Land Trust has opened the door to new possibilities, concepts and ideas for this land. With the recent proposal of a solar farm at the Old Airport, there is hope, once again, that the City will lead an effort to protect this very special property.

The City's new interest in making the Airport property economically sustainable could include the concept of acquiring the BLM land that separates Nevada City from its non contiguous Airport property and bridges the Hirschman's property below. The lower 11 acres on the left side of Cement Hill has historic and biologic amenities equal to none in our area. It includes proximity to the last Round House and Ranchero of the local Maidu, one of the Counties oldest and most pastoral NID ditches, fabulous rock walls and fruit trees some 100 years old that were left by early settlers and many acres of pristine wet lands. BLM has stated that there is an endangered flower that also grows here.

Nevada City's present leadership seems to be cohesive and visionary. These BLM lands should be considered now for inclusion into the City's Open Space inventory: these lands connect the City to its Airport property as well as the Hirschman's Property (by a very thin sliver of private land) and helps to form the green wooded enclosure that is described in Nevada City's General Plan. These lands are also historic and biologically important to the City and its history.

Because of Marty's thorough research on the potential for this project, I have all the information you would need to consider the feasibility of this project.

Thank you.

Eileen Jorgensen
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Gene Albaugh

From: John Paul [john@spiralinternet.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 2:08 PM
To: Gene Albaugh
Subject: Google Fiber for Communities Planning Mtg . Fri Feb 19, 5pm

Dear Gene,

THE BACKGROUND

On Monday, February 10, Google announced a project named Google Fiber for Communities. Google is planning to launch an experiment that they hope will make Internet access better and faster for everyone. They plan to test ultra-high speed broadband networks in one or more trial locations across the country. The networks will deliver speeds more than 100 times faster than current DSL and cable speeds, with 1 gigabit per second fiber-to-the-home connections.

At this speed, a feature length high-definition movie would download in less than 5 minutes. Google is planning to connect at least 50,000 people and up to 500,000 people across multiple test sites with an open access network. This will give customers the choice of multiple service providers.

NEVADA CITY'S SUBMITTAL

Spiral Internet, which has been working with the Nevada County Economic Resource Council to secure stimulus funds to build a wireless broadband infrastructure in the county -- <http://www.nevadacountyconnected.com> -- will be submitting a Request for Information application to Google on Nevada City's behalf. We believe Nevada City and the 95959 greater area would be a perfect test site, especially given our high-tech video businesses, focus on solar energy, and mixture of both dense and sparsely populated environments. This project would also dovetail nicely into the greater Nevada County Connected project.

THE CREATIVE PART

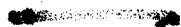
Google has asked that municipalities submit a creative video on YouTube to convey their enthusiasm and local support for the project. In order to do this, we came up with the "hair-brained" idea of putting together a community gathering that Nevada City does best -- a parade. The parade would be the spectacular "backdrop" in the video for interviews and ideas on how Nevada City's residents and businesses will utilize 1Gb Internet services. We have proposed to City Manager Gene Albaugh that Nevada City host this "parade of support" on Sun, March 13 at 1pm. This will take a cadre of volunteers to pull off, but we know that Nevada City can do it. The participants could include schools, high-tech businesses, city/county government & agencies, public safety agencies, marching bands, artists, musicians, etc. We'll use the event as a springboard for coverage in the larger media.

FIRST PLANNING MEETING

Step one is to gather, pull ideas, and start the logistical work. A meeting will be held on this Friday, February 19 starting at 5pm in the Nevada City City Council Chamber. If you know another "community leader" or volunteer who is seriously interested in assisting, please extend an invitation to attend. We will also need videographers and photographers who will be willing to collaborate on this endeavor.

Here we go. We hope you will join in.

2/17/2010



RESOLUTION NO. 2010-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEVADA CITY SUPPORTING THE REMEDIATION OF ARSENIC CONTAMINATION IN PIONEER PARK AND THE RESTORATION OF LITTLE DEER CREEK

WHEREAS, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made funding available for community restoration projects through its Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Program ; and,

WHEREAS, assessments conducted at Pioneer Park have revealed that the park's lower ball field is contaminated with arsenic from waste mine rock that was used to create the park; and,

WHEREAS, severe water quality and habitat impacts in Little Deer Creek where it flows through Pioneer Park have resulted from the channelization of the creek; and,

WHEREAS, the primary users of the park's facilities are young children, participants in baseball and soccer leagues, and festival and concert goers, all of whom are at risk from accidental ingestion and inhalation of arsenic-contaminated dust; and,

WHEREAS, future plans for the park including infrastructure repair and the creation of a community garden are impeded and prevented by the presence of known toxins at the park; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to maintaining a healthy environment and promoting the health of recreational users in its public facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City Nevada City that the City of Nevada City believes the restoration and remediation of Pioneer Park is a high priority and fully supports the proposal to obtain funding from the US EPA CARE Program or other funding sources as they become available.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Nevada City on the 24th day of February, 2010 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT/ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Reinette Senum, Mayor

Corey Shaver, City Clerk



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FEB 11 2010

City of Nevada City

Request for Placement of Item on City Council Agenda

Date of Request: 11 FEB 09

Preferred Date to be Agendized: 24 FEB 09

Second Choice of Date: 7/18

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(If different)

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Item to be agendized: (Give a brief summary of item. The item will be placed on the agenda using your specific wording.) Type or print legibly.

REQUEST BY NEVADA COUNTY PEACE CENTER TO CLOSE

PARKING LOT @ NEVADA & BROAD ON 3/20 FROM 10A-1P
FOR STAGING RALLY ARE A

Verbal presentation only? ☒ yes ☐ no

Written material accompanying item: ☐ yes ☒ no (Must be submitted by agenda deadline for distribution). Number of handouts: _____ Number of pages: _____

Handouts at meeting: ☐ yes ☒ no

Will others be speaking on this item? ☐ yes ☒ no

Estimated number of speakers: 1

Estimated amount of time needed for discussion: 10 MIN

NOTE: NORMAL AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS DUE AT 5:00 PM MONDAY OF THE WEEK PRIOR TO CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. ITEMS REQUIRING EXTENSIVE STAFF RESEARCH MAY REQUIRE EARLIER SUBMITTAL.

